

His first Lieutenant is too ill to march, there is no second Lieutenant or Surgeon appointed. It is absolutely necessary to Officer his Company. Capt. Yates some time past gave you a recommendation for an ensign.

We have no intelligence of any consequence. Various Reports are come to Town: it is said New York is in our possession. I can give no credit to this report. It is certain in a late skirmish between a party of our Militia and a trading party of the enemy, we killed 20, took 30 prisoners and 53 waggons and 200 British Horses. I am, Gent, with Respect
The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland }
Annapolis } Your Obedt^t Servant
Sam^l Chase.

Gentlemen,

Chester Town 24th January 1777.

I expect in a short time to raise my company. I have shirts stitched at this time and for the want of blankets cant draw them together. You will much oblige me if blankets and arms sufficient for the company could be sent to me at this place. I am, Gentlemen & you most Obedt^t

The Honble the Council of Safety.

Your Obedt^t Servant.

Annapolis

Jepe Cox, Clerk Junr

Gentlemen,

Baltimore January 29th 1777.

I wrote you some days past that Messrs Vanbibber and Crockett had disposed of the Tickenburgs you desired I would get, and have made into tents immediately, Mr Crockett not being at home I was unable to inform, but have since bought it and have delivered it to the Tent makers to be made immediately. You have herewith enclosed an account of it. I have this day received from Mr Richardson and Mr Cannon 250 pair shoes of each, and can inform you that Mr Cannon's are deserving of 2/6 or 3/- more per pair than Richardson's. I am, Gent, Your Obedt^t Servant.

The Honble the Council of Safety Annapolis

Gerrard Hopkins. Secy R^{ts}.

Anne Arundel County July 29th 1777.

The Company of militia commanded by Capt Richard Chew, beg leave to represent to the Honorable the General Assembly of this State, that they did on the 11th day of September 1776, present a Commission to the late Honorable Convention, praying that new Officers might be appointed to Command their Company; they being unanimously averse to serve under the Officers then commanding them, on account of sundry misdemeanors committed by them therein mentioned, which petition from the multiplicity of business was then not answered. Colonel Mearns having issued orders to the Officers to collect the several companies, they take this public method of testifying their willingness to turn out in the service of their Country, on this urgent crises, provided they are commanded by Officers whom they can rely on for their bravery and conduct. They therefore pray that the Honorable house of Assembly, would issue orders for a new election of Officers